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NOTE AND COMMENT

Who would exchange life in Sunny Alberta for that in Sunny Italy? Is an occasional cold snap not preferable to living in constant fear of such a terrific event as that which blotted out two great Italian cities last week? The details with which the daily papers are full are sickening in the extreme. It is to be sickening that one good effect will be to make those who live in a more northerly clime realize how fortunately situated they are. Not only are life and property safer, but the rewards of labor are greater and a superior race, physically and mentally, is bound to be produced by the conditions under which we live.

When we hear men and women declare when for a day or so the thermometer ranges from ten to thirty degrees below zero throughout Alberta that if they were wealthy enough they would not take long in flying away to a country where the orange trees bloom in winter, we cannot help pitying them for their narrow vision. What is there to indicate that they would feel any the better for the change? Has not the weather that Alberta has provided for them for months past been of a character to compensate them over and over again for any discomfort of a few days like those of this last week? And are they any the worse for having passed through such a cold spell, provided they are well clothed and well housed? Does it not promote vigor and generally fit them better for taking the most of life, whereas a succession of winters in the tropics would be bound to sap their energies and lead them finally to the point where they conclude that the world is a wearisome place to drag out one's days in. Heaven help the man and the woman who reaches that stage. The fact that life in a country like Alberta makes it impossible for one to ever arrive at it constitutes the province's chief virtue.

When a person contemplates coming to this portion of the Dominion to live, almost invariably we hear him express dread of the winter and plan to leave for a milder clime at that season of the year when he is possible to do so. In most cases he soon alters his ideas. Those who have been in a position to indulge themselves usually do so the most speedily. There is a gentleman who has made his home in Edmonton for half a dozen years back. It has been his practice to go away each year to escape the cold weather. This season he has altered his arrangements for the first time and is remaining in the city. When the writer the other day asked him how he liked the change he said that for weeks past he had been trying to puzzle out why he had run away from such delightful weather such as we have been having for the damp, stupefying climatic conditions that he had found elsewhere. If he left Alberta at all in the future, he was quite certain that it would not be in the winter. At the moment when he was making this statement, the thermometer stood about twenty below. Eastern papers talk about that famous western lie to the effect that it gets cold out here but you do not feel it. Well, when this gentleman was talking it certainly was cold but he was prepared to take an oath that he did not experience any feeling but that on such a day it was a good thing to be alive and in Alberta.

Should the person who reads the editorial page of a daily paper also read the sporting page? Sometimes if the paper in question has to him an authority only second to that of holy writ, the practice is apt to get him into difficulties. That is the position which the Toronto Globe holds with a certain number of its readers and we can imagine the perplexity of some of the good men of

Zorra and Bruce when in a recent issue they found on the editorial page all kinds of strong denunciations of the drink and allied evils and in the sporting column this leading article:

"Mr. Justice Darling wishes to have a few more crimes invented. He wants betting, and I suppose, modest points at bridge, made criminal offences. A far greater Judge than he, a late Lord Chief Justice of England, saw no harm in betting, and did it himself habitually, and it is on record that after his elevation to the Bench Lord Russell of Killowen had seventeen wagers on a certain Cesarewitch—and won them all. This little fact he himself confided to me, and I published it in his lifetime. Mr. Justice Darling and the House of Commons can no more stop betting than they can stop the desire for that whiskey and soda. They cannot change human nature. The most they could do would be to make it inconvenient to back horses and to divert speculation into other channels, to teach people to bet on the results of other games and sports, and it is hard to believe that the common sense of the nation would tolerate such folly."

Is an editor justified in having a "wicked partner?"

"New York is surfeited with murder," writes Victor Rousseau in the current issue of Harper's Weekly. "It is a commonplace of the day's news; it has ceased to attract attention. Men are stabbed or shot down or blackjacked not secretly, but in the open, crowded streets at midday, for little or no cause. Life has become cheaper in New York than in the wildest of Western mining camps."

Out of every 1,000 arrests made for homicide during the present year, the authorities say, 933 suspects will be freed and 67 will suffer some form of punishment. Of those 67, probably four will go to the electric chair. Ninety-three and three-tenths per cent of all homicide suspects will be set loose to work their will upon the community.

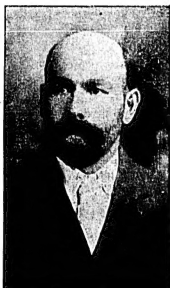
"In the light of these figures we begin, for the first time, to understand why we have two and three-fourths killings a day in Greater New York throughout the year. It is because murder pays. It is the most profitable of the unskilled professions."

A constant reader of the newspapers must realize the truth of all this. The country to the south has a great problem before it in adapting its institutions better to the preservation of law and order. It is the most important before the people of the Republic. On this side of the line we think we may safely congratulate ourselves that the tradition of the majesty of the law has always been better upheld, but the growth of such conditions as those depicted above among our neighbors should cause us, particularly as we progress in the line of material development to be constantly on our guard.

The sentencing of Abe Ruef, the municipal boss of San Francisco, to the prosecution of whom extended reference was made on this page some weeks ago, is a very significant victory for good government. He is to serve a term of fourteen years. It should be remembered that Ruef was no fool in anybody else's hands. It is the man who fills this role who is as a rule reared by the law and not the persons who direct his actions. Ruef was the head of the system, a man of education and supposed refinement, who ranked as a leading citizen.

The man who financed the campaign against Ruef, Rudolph Spreckles, is the son of a millionaire, who has as romantic a career as the annals of the continent furnish. This elder Spreckles, Claus by name, died the other day, worth something like \$70,000,000. Coming to New York, a young German immigrant, his first employment was in a grocery store at \$3 a week. By the usual stages he rose until the sugar trade gave him the opportunity to accumulate his millions. In the development of California, to which state he went in the days of the gold excitement, though as a trader not as

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a gold seeker, he played a big part. His methods were too often of the unscrupulous character that mark the creation of most great fortunes. That in the second generation his money is being used to the attainment of great public objects is a cause for decided encouragement.

An American consular agent, writing from Vladivostok, has some observations to make in regard to Japanese labor, which should do quite a bit to relieve the anxiety of those who fear that the competition of the workers from the Flowery Kingdom will lower the status of the workman of this continent. This special agent, Mr. Roland R. Dennis writes:

"A visit to Japan tends to disprove the theory that cheap labor insures cheap production of output. The Japanese in many directions, especially in cabinet making, is an expert and finished workman. Although he uses an infinitesimal plane and planes toward himself and his hand saw looks like an overgrown butcher knife, with saw teeth cut in its edge, he produces fine work. But give him a machine nearly automatic and he is not a success. Wire nails are used exclusively in Japan and hence there is an immense demand for them. Among the very many stock companies formed during the Japanese-Russian war, when money was plentiful, was a wire nail mill. The very latest up-to-date automatic machinery was brought out from the United States and everything that money and skill could command was secured to make the mill a great success. As a final step a superintendent was brought from a large mill in Cleveland, Ohio, and put in charge. In spite of all this expenditure of talent, money and time that man is not able to make nails at a price that at all interferes with importing and selling at a satisfactory profit. When asked why he cannot make nails as cheap as he did in Cleveland the superintendent replies: 'It is simply a question of labor. In Cleveland one man tended and kept running four or five machines; here it takes four or five men to tend one machine, and they don't keep it running as it should at that.'"

"A large paper mill is having a similar experience. Labor is cheaply paid, but being inefficient is more expensive than much higher paid efficient labor. I met three Belgians who had been some months in Japan endeavoring to get a window glass factory on a successful money making basis so as to be able to compete with imported window glass. They had abandoned the enterprise and were returning home thoroughly convinced that Japanese labor was very cheap, but that it could not be successfully utilized in a branch of manufacturing to which it was not accustomed. 'Coolie labor in Japan commands about 25 cents a day although in Kobe, Yokohama and Nagasaki 37 1/2 and 40 cents is being asked and in many cases allowed. All employers of labor were unanimous in declaring that the quality of the service rendered was going down even faster than the rate of wages was going up.'"

All of which serves to indicate that a man who is accustomed to a higher standard of living is as a rule a more efficient instrument of production and that despite differences in races all labor will in the

long run be rewarded according to its value. Artificial restrictions can never permanently interfere with the working of this natural law.

Mr. Byron E. Walker, president of the Bank of Commerce, at a banquet in New York the other day, gave a fine presentation of Canada's ideals as a nation.

"We are a contented people," he told his American hosts, "with a fine birth-right, with hardly any illiterates, loving law and order, and insistent on it every morning and on the wildest frontier line. We hope to build up a nation as free as any in the world with our own peculiar institutions, with a share of some kind in the British Empire, with relations with your great country, which should through the coming ages be of benefit to both nations materially, intellectually, and literally."

In the town of Simcoe, Ont., a police investigation is being held which is developing very sensational features. Police administration is notoriously bad in most Canadian municipalities, large and small, but it is to be hoped that there are few in which such conditions prevail as those now being brought to light in Simcoe. One of the constables had the chief arrested on a charge of trying to murder him and the evidence goes to show that the two of them were in league to systematically rob the town's places of business. They had a falling out, an exposure was threatened and the chief is said to have resorted to strong measures in an effort to silence his colleague. The case calls to mind the old couplet:

"Clap on the lock, keep watch and guard.
But who the guards themselves shall guard?"

The problem isn't an easy one.

A Winnipeg dispatch says that rats are coming in from across the border and doing much damage in Southern Manitoba. This is not welcome news and should cause the health authorities throughout the Canadian West to bestir themselves. We have been very fortunate in the past in being altogether free from these pests. In older countries an active war is being made upon them, the damage which they do to a year amounting to many millions of dollars. So firm a hold have they, however, that the task of getting rid of them seems an impossible one. Certainly it is much easier to keep them out in the first place than to drive them out after they have secured a footing. The theory was held at one time that climatic conditions were unfavorable to them in the West. But the chances are that we have not suffered up to the present simply because of the distance from large centers, and particularly from seaports.

The difference between the season of 1908 and 1909 in Alberta is illustrated by certain figures recently made public by the C.P.R. Up to

December 19, 1907, that road shipped 1,800,000 bushels of grain from this province. By the same date in 1908 it had shipped 5,316,000 bushels. The year was not as good a one as we had reason to believe in the early part it would be, but taking the province as a whole it was not one of which there is any very great reason to complain.

We may be deeply thankful that church and state do not mix up any more than they do in Canada. Some time ago the British Premier elevated Dr. Cosmo Lang, the Bishop of Stepney, who was previously invited to Montreal, to the position of Archbishop of York. As a consequence he is in trouble with his party. Dr. Lang is a Conservative. The Bishop of Hereford, who has always stood by the Liberals, was the choice of the extreme men in the party for the archiepiscopal office. The circumstance that he has been passed over, and that Dr. Lang, the son of a Presbyterian minister, and the nephew of Rev. Gavin Lang, for many years one of the leading Presbyterian divines in Canada, has been appointed in his stead has given this section of the party a shock from which it will not soon recover.

The London Daily News is the chief newspaper opponent of the appointment. That paper declares that the passing over of the Bishop of Hereford in favor of a suffragan, "young comparatively unknown, and with no record of service to Liberal ideas," is a surprise to the party. That the Bishop of Hereford was entitled to the office the Daily News maintains. It says: "Of his courageous defence of all that is finest in Liberal principles during the darkest period of Liberal fortunes we need not speak. Everyone remembers how time and again he stood almost alone among his peers as the champion of justice and freedom when nearly the whole country was set to decay and howl him down. Putting party aside, we consider that such consistency of character, such brave sincerity in the midst of furtive or violent opposition, would in any case have deserved the highest reward that church or state has to confer. But we see no reason why, in such cases of conspicuous distinction, party should be put aside. A self-evident Liberal is all very well, and no ordinary Tory saint or scholar or administrator passed over for a youthful or inexperienced member of our party. We must remember that Tories practice no self-denial in their appointments. Whether we look to bishops, judges or magistrates, the Tory tradition is consistent in its self-appreciation. While Tories are in power, there is no polite consideration of our party's feelings."

It is bad enough having to consider party service in connection with purely civil appointments, and it is to be hoped the day is not far off when governments will cease to do so, but when it comes to determining who is to be your spiritual leader by his party record, the height of absurdity has been reached.

A reader writes to express astonishment that The Saturday News should have condoned "saw-off's," which he considers equivalent to condoning political corruption. What we said was that it was too much to expect party managers, whose duty as such was simply to advance the interests of their respective parties, to proceed with election petitions in order merely to expose glaring corruption. Where it is believed that the latter was resorted to, steps should undoubtedly be taken to have it investigated. Crown officers, aided by information which private citizens can supply to them, should make the move. The Saturday News would like to see political rascality stamped out as far as possible and the most stringent penalties imposed upon those who indulge in it. But it claims it is altogether unfair to lay the responsibility of initiating such measures on the party executives and to make their failure to prosecute the occasion for a general attack upon them.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

A repertoire company was walking into Paducah, says the Saturday Evening Post, where they were billed to play Romeo and Juliet. The leading man approached the manager, who strode moodily ahead on the ties.

"Boss," he said, "I've got to have 15 cents."

"Fifteen cents?" growled the manager. "You're always yelling for money. What do you want 15 cents for?"

"What do I want 15 cents for?" repeated the leading man, bitterly. "I want it for a shave, that's what I want for. I can't play Romeo with five day's black beard on my face."

"Oh, well," said the manager, "you won't get no 15 cents. We'll change the bill to Othello."

Appropos of what was said in this column recently in regard to Madame Albert, the Swedish Nightingale, an eastern exchange is of interest: "It is said Mme. Tetrazzini, the wonderful soprano who delighted for a few seasons the portion of the world which could afford to listen to her, is losing her power. She no longer creates great excitement in New York. Her voice has lost its charm. The Madame enjoyed but a short period of supremacy compared with some of the great artists who preceded her, such as Jenny Lind and Mme. Patti. Surely there is no more pathetic figure upon the stage of the world than that of a great singer, especially a female singer, lingering reluctant behind the footlights, yet feeling that the bell has been rung for the curtain which will separate her forever from popular favor. The Swedish Nightingale was a wise woman in her artistic generation. She retired in full possession of all her powers. Madame Patti made defiance to time and the critics. It is said until her once glorious voice became but an echo of that which it had been. Madame Albert is appearing in some of the music halls of Great Britain, looking 'tired' with other 'artists.' Reads like a story of desecration of the temple of the muses does it not?"

In pursuance of an old-established tradition of newspapers, The Ottawa Free Press criticized a play recently presented at the Russell Theatre in the capital. It condemned it almost without qualification, and that it was honest enough in its condemnation is supported by the fact that the play has met with severe criticism almost wherever it has gone. The Ottawa Free Press, however, wrote to the publisher of The Free Press cancelling his advertising in its columns and asking for the return of the paper's tickets of admission. In this manner the Ottawa Free Press, the insolent assumption that when he buys space in a newspaper he also buys the paper's opinions, commences to do so. It is a very reasonable of a newspaper's notice of a theatrical performance is to afford its readers an expert opinion on its value from various standpoints, but especially as to its fitness for the attendance of those who do not care to attend plays which from any point of view are objectionable, and which would do but to bring the members of their family to them. A paper which neglects this part of its duty may well be challenged by its readers. Yet in the doing of this the Free Press falls under the imputed displeasure of the manager of the Russell Theatre. A gratifying feature of the affair is that The Ottawa Free Press, which is the editor of The Free Press, comes to the defence of its contemporaries in a manner which does it credit. In the matter of the Ottawa Free Press are too frequent to justify passing over this acceptance of the gage of battle on behalf of the Press in general.

There is no doubt that the business office does frequently control the opinions expressed of a theatrical attraction, but when this does happen, a journal may as well abandon dramatic criticism altogether. The manager should recognize that when he takes the course adopted in Ottawa, he is not only inflicting a blow upon a cause of dramatic art, but is making it impossible for the newspaper to be of much use to him in the future. If indiscriminate blame is handed out, no one will believe what paper says when it is telling the truth.

When a champion rifle shot fired blindfolded at a wedding ring, or a penny held between his wife's thumb and finger, or seated back to

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WISDOM THAT WOBBLES.

How oft we find man's wisest
Thoughts
By contradiction crossed—
We're told to look before we leap,
Yet he who hesitates is lost.
'Tis said fine feathers make fine
birds,
And so they do; yet note,
Another saw declares a man
Is not made by his coat.
Give bad name to a dog, you may
As well go hang the same,
Or so says one; and yet we hear
There's nothing in a name.
Events advancing, it is said,
Their shadows disport,
And yet the thing that happens
Is the thing we don't expect.
'Sauce for the goose'—you know
the way.
It runs—yet what of this
Which plainly says that one man's
meat
Another man's poison is?
To him who waits all things will
come,
Is comfort for the meek;
The man of push quotes some one
else:
'He who would find must seek.'
A little learning, we are told,
Is dangerous—Egad!
What's then to do, if this be true:
'Much learning makes one mad!'
—G. H. W., in Boston Transcript.

Mr. R. B. Bennett, K.C., has offered
a prize of \$50 for the best essay
on the history of Calgary. Com-
petitors are advised not to dwell un-
duly upon the month of November,
1905.

An enterprising New York firm
has started to advocate air-ships for
sale. The price quoted is \$70,000.
Now, who will be the first to sail
over the Saskatchewan in a machine
of his own? It mightn't be a bad
thing to take up a public subscrip-
tion and give our mothers and sisters
of the local motorists who want to
move faster about the streets than
the police should let them. When
they take to the atmosphere, the
higher the spots that they touch,
the better pleased the average citizen
will be.

The Premier of Australia was at
the Burns-Johnston light. Yet our
Sir Wilfrid didn't even cable his
condolences to Tommy.

THE DIPLOMATIC LANDLORD.
It was cold all day in the Smithson's
flat.
And the wife sat 'round in her coat
and hat.
For a chill wind blew and the heat
was low;
In the air outside there were signs
of snow;
And through all the house rang re-
sounding calls
For heat as they flocked the draught
swept halls.
And the landlord heard with a fien-
ish grin.
For the heat came on when the men
came in.
It was warm all night and the hus-
band paid
But a little heed to the cry for aid.
For they thought this wait at the
landlord's crime
Was a woman's way to put in the
time.
And they all went out when the
morn'g came,
And the cold that day was about the
same.
Loud the cry went up, but the heat
stayed slack,
Though it came up right when the
men came back.

Thus the days passed by and the
women sat
In their wraps and things in an
unsteamed flat.
Though the voices rose in a help-
less wail
Through the winter long 'twas the
same old tale.
And the coal pile stayed at a goodly
size.
Which was mighty fine in the land-
lord's eyes,
But the idea lived in his half bald
dom.
To have lots of heat when the men
came home.
—Charles R. Barnes.

The Woman Suffrage Question

The Saturday News is in receipt of
the following:
"With due respect for 'Peggy,' I
beg to intrude.
Why did the Greeks call the wife
'dama'?" which signifies 'subduer',
the vanquished." 'Til the first
quarter of the nineteenth century
everyone thought woman ought to
remain at home and supervise the
household, care for and love the
husband and children.
Such ideas were based upon the
fact that that was the then prevail-
ing mode of division of labor; but in
our modern society her work of
spinning, weaving and the making of
clothes, etc., has left the home, and
often the wife and children have
to go to work in the factory or
department store to get a living.
On account of these changed
methods of sustaining life women
have invaded nearly all professions:
science, art, law and literature.
Before this she was supposed to
have a "child's brain," and reading,
writing and arithmetic was supposed
to be all she was capable of learning,
and if we look back to 600 A.D., we
will find that it was decided by a
small majority at the Macon Council
that she had a soul to go to Heaven
with.
Now that she has gained so many
liberties since 600 A.D. (among them
the privilege of learning and earning
her living alongside of men in all
professions) it is only natural and in
line with the laws of progress that
she shall demand and obtain the
liberty of saying what kind of
Government she shall live under.

Moralists and philosophers first
tried to discourage the women's
movement by preaching the "sacred
interest of the family," which they
declared could not survive without
her sewing, mending stockings, etc.
They failed. They then tried to
destroy her ambition for liberties
by the scientific (?) statements that
it was against the laws of nature and
her muscular and nervous system
would not permit her to undertake
more than the routine of the house-
hold. Then too her brain was
smaller. Lombroso went so far as
to prove this "scientific" (?) theory
that he went to statistics of crime
and proved there were more male
criminals than males. He should
also have added that the statistics
invariably demonstrate the same "in-
feriority."
But now when she has proven the
fallacy of such logic and proven her
ability to make a living in nearly
all professions they preach "she has
less necessities than man" and con-
sequently she is paid less.

There is some truth in the last
statement as she doesn't seem to
absorb as much liquor and tobacco
as men.

Our changed methods of produc-
tion have replaced muscular effort
for attention and intellectual skill,
and is giving our mothers and sisters
the advantage, to a degree, because
of their abstinence and sobriety;
and we can object to her suffrage as
much as we like she will eventually
force us to abdicate it, then she
will do a little house cleaning in
our legislative halls, which we have
so disgraced that we are ashamed to
allow her into our company in the
political arena.
Yours for justice,
Abel Hallberg.

Ross Creek, Alta.,
Dec. 28, 1908.

"MAY BE, YES; MAY BE, NO;
WE DON'T KNOW."

The above conveys our idea of the
reports and denials about the Winnipeg
packers having attempted to
form a combination with certain
Chicago firms in order to protect
themselves against the Swift Co.
The fact that reports of this kind
have frequently appeared and future
events proved them groundless,
while denials equally strong have
often been made, but were after-
wards proven to be false, leaves us
in a state of doubt as to the facts.
It is more than probable that the
parties interested will say it is none
of our business as to what the
facts are, although we
may entertain a different opinion
as to that. However, we will keep
at least one eye open for future
developments along that line, while
in the meantime we can only say:
"May be, Yes; may be, No; we don't
know."—Alberta Homestead.

Everything All Right, But—

The late depression we have had
the financial side caused a friend
of mine to be much worried. He
went to his physician, who advised
him to take a rest.
"Now, Charlie," he said, "you
must start sun-bathing and excitement
of all kinds; in fact, you must keep
yourself entirely to yourself; receive
no mail, read no letters and get no
news from the outside world. Go
away, sir, for a month."
My friend did this and was much
improved. Returning home, he
met his butler at the station, and
said—
"James, how is everything? All
right?"
"Yes, sir, everything is all right,"
said the butler.
"Anything happen while I was
away?"
"No, sir; everything is all right—
except your dog, sir?"
"My dog?"
"Your dog, sir."
"What happened to him?"
"He's dead."
"Dead?"
"Yes, sir."
"What did he die of?"
"I don't know, sir. I think it was
from eating burnt horse-flesh."
"Burnt horse-flesh? Why how did
that happen?"
"Well, I don't know, sir. I think
it was from the barn."
"The barn?"
"Yes, sir. The barn was burned
down, sir."
"What? My house burned down?
Why, how did that catch fire?"
"I don't know exactly. I think it
was from the curtains in the win-
dow."
"Why, how did they catch fire?"
"Well, I don't know; I think they
must have caught fire from the
candles."
"What candles? We haven't any
candles in the house. We use noth-
ing but electricity and gas."
"I know, sir. But the candles
were all around the coffin."
"The coffin? Why, who's dead?"
"Oh, nobody but your mother-in-
law."
"My mother-in-law?"
"Yes, sir."
"How did she die?"
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What is to be the next move in Edmonton hockey? When the score in the final game was reported in the city, the club executive gave out that another try would be made for the Stanley Cup, probably at the end of the present season. But I, for one, think that it would be a great mistake to renew the attempt. The further the club has gone in this last venture, the more it seemed to me, that departed from the ideas that should govern athletics. Professionalism in itself is bad enough, but it seems we have to put up with it sometimes under modern conditions. After a team of hired players has been associated with a town or city for a while, a certain amount of local pride is engendered by their performances. We see this in professional baseball. But when it comes to going after a championship with a team composed almost wholly of strangers, two of whom have never played in the city they represent, as was the case at Montreal, I fail to see how we can expect much enthusiasm to be manifested.

We have this to consider as well, that such a team cannot be maintained for any length of time in a place like Edmonton. If we had won the Cup, the only clubs that could give Edmonton a game that was worth watching would be those who came here to try to take the silverware away. Is an occasional Stanley Cup game all that the people of Edmonton want? That is all they would be interested in till the Cup went away and conditions got back somewhere near normal. Where would the other games come from? We saw what a team, minus several of those who played at Montreal, could do to a septette like that from Strathcona, even though in other years the boys from the other side of the river would have done their city great credit. How long would people turn out to such matches? How long would other clubs, provided the games were played on the square, want to try conclusions with the champions?

I don't doubt that it will be said I am a confirmed "knocker." Well, a little knocking is a very useful thing at times, it seems to me, if it keeps people from a certain line of action. If the team that represented Edmonton last year in the

games with other western towns and cities had been deemed worthy of competing for the Stanley Cup and had gone down and made a good fight for it, I would consider that even if they had been beaten, the city had been done very much more honor than if the aggregation which was brought into existence merely for the trip, had attained its purpose. As it was, judging by the fine account that Deaton and Miller gave of themselves in the final game, and some of the comment of the Montreal papers, part of which I give below, it would seem to have been better policy to have stuck more strictly to the material at home without scouring the country for recruits.

The best thing to be done now is to get down to rational methods and in course of time another Stanley Cup team, that we shall really feel like cheering for, one that represents the actual advantage made by the city in the game, not the amount of money which our people are willing to dig down into their pockets for, will go east and win out where that, of which the remnants are now returning, failed.

While these are my views on the enterprise as a whole, credit must be given to the players who made so game a struggle. Fuller reports indicate that but the hardest kind of luck in the second half of the first match, the Wanderers would have lost the trophy. Phillips was evidently never very much good at any stage and after he was hurt was practically useless. He should without doubt have quit, both in his own and the team's interests, after receiving the injuries that he did.

On Saturday night Ottawa was defeated in an exhibition match by four to two. After the game Lindsay, Patric, and Vair all jumped their contracts, and Edmonton will know them no more. Who feels like cheering for men like these?

I reproduce the comment of the Montreal Herald on the men who played in the first, and really deciding game:

"Only a few men of the Edmonton team were strangers to the Montreal hockey public. Vair, Whitcroft and Lindsay were comparatively unknown the names of the remaining four, Tom Phillips, Lester Patrick, Patric and McNamara are almost household words among the hockey fans.

"Vair and Whitcroft were good in the mid-ice positions. McNamara on the left wing, at yet the same steady useful kind of a game that signalled his performance in the Shamrock's team of last year.

"Tom Phillips was only a shadow of his former self, a shadow that is in a hockey sense—for in the fleshly form Tom appears to have put on weight since he played here under Ottawa colors a season ago. During the first half Phillips showed

glimpses of his old time form—in the second half he might as well have been off the ice as—in fact a good deal better off, for it afterwards transpired that a small bone in his foot was broken and that he finished out the game in this condition. speaks volumes for the Kenora boy's grit.

"Late last night he was removed to the Western Hospital where he was laid up with a plaster case about the injured member. The surgeon in charge offers very little hope that he will be able to play hockey again this season.

"Patric hardly played the game he did with Shamrocks. Early in the game he got a nasty jab in the face from Gardner's stick which seemed to take a good deal of the steam out of him.

"But Didier hasn't forgotten how to skate. Oh me! No. He was there with the acrobatic stunts just as much as he ever was when he frisked about alongside of Jack Lavolette under Shamrock colors.

"Lester Patrick was pretty much the same old Lester Patrick as of yore. Not quite as fast as when he played with Wanderers two years ago but still as fast enough to rank among the leading lights. Patrick, however, had the same weakness as the rest, lack of condition and he flugged palpably at times.

"In Lindsay the Edmonton team have a goalkeeper who is worth a place on the best team in the country. Lindsay is young and active. He needed all his activity to turn aside some of the contributions sent him by Messrs. Smith, Johnson, Glass and Co. last night. Those that were possible he got away. Those that went into the net would have been impossible for any one to stop and there you have it in a nutshell.

"At that he was getting three shots sent in on him in every one that went to Riley H. m."

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What would the city hall be without a police row? The new chief took office last week and before the majority of the citizens were aware of the fact that he had assumed charge, he was providing the newspapers with sensational headlines. In the first place he rearranged the hours of work for the force. A policeman is to be on continuous patrol for a shorter period than before, but his day's work will be longer. Members of the force petitioned against the change, alleging that the long hours constituted an unnecessary hardship. In concluding they expressed the hope that the chief would ameliorate conditions and "so render it unnecessary for us to appeal to the mayor and council." This last threat doesn't seem to have disturbed Mr. Lanevy, for there is no indication that the new rule will be reversed.

Then a young engineer named Pearson escaped from the police cells. Chief Lanevy made investigation and dismissed Sgt. Howey, who has been on the force since June, 1905, for carelessness. Immediately there was an uproar of the old-time variety and those whose interest in municipal affairs has been sustained for years back by affairs of this kind pricked up their ears at the promise thus given of a heap of excitement. But the new mayor soon put a damper on their hopes. "We look to the new chief of police for results," he declared, "and he will have full charge of his department. He will be in the same position as the head of any other department in the city."

Chief Beale evidently did not give up his office in vain and it is very satisfactory to find that the village type of police administration has disappeared from these parts—let us hope for all time. If a man is worthy of being appointed chief of police of this city, he shouldn't be interfered with in the control of his men. Under the old system he didn't have a ghost of a chance to make good. Under business-like methods, such as have now been put into force, a broad test of efficiency will be applied and the chief will stand or fall according to it.

Edmonton's new council at its first meeting gave evidence of its progressiveness as well as of its willingness to take decisive action once it appears that the needs of the public require it. An expenditure on public works of no less than \$280,000 was authorized. This is a large sum but as one examines the details he will be prepared to admit that it is all needed. On an extension to the waterworks plant, \$70,000 will be spent. The proposal to remove it to the site up the river has been abandoned for the present. It would be a most costly move and the commissioners after consultation with the provincial authorities are certain that there can be no contamination above the part of intake. An order has already been given the Inglis Company of Toronto for a pump to cost \$16,800 and to be installed in six months. Population has increased

so rapidly that it has gone beyond the facilities for water supply. The danger of continuing the present state of affairs is so great that it would be little short of criminal negligence to delay in providing a remedy any longer.

In addition to further equipment at the power house a filtration plant will be installed at a cost of \$29,000, which in the early summer months will deprive a good many people of their excuse for drinking beer instead of water.

More electric power is undoubtedly a matter of great necessity. The cheapness with which it is supplied to the private consumer is taxing the present plant to the limit and the \$110,000 which is necessary to increase the capacity will be heartily sanctioned, as will the \$80,000 for additional power for the street railway.

The municipal system has been at a great disadvantage on account of lack of power and if it is going to be made a success an immediate remedy is required. This expenditure will enable the city to run twenty cars, none too many in a short while. A sweeper is also to be purchased at a cost of \$6,550, which is expected in three weeks, street car patrons will have a certain measure of relief from the inconvenience which they have suffered in recent weeks and when another winter comes the system will be, in all respects, a much greater comfort than it is now.

Ald. Gariepy followed up his election promise to make the C. P. R. declare its intentions regarding the high level bridge. The railway commission meets in Edmonton in February and an appeal will be made to it to have the C.P.R.'s plans cancelled if assurance is not given of early action. Incidentally, Premier Rutherford states that he was informed by Mr. Whyte that a definite decision would be reached by the C.P.R. directors this month. As to the traffic deck, opinion is working pretty strongly in the direction of having a separate high level structure built by the two cities in co-operation with the provincial government. Certainly if the estimates as to its cost made public some months ago are correct, there should be no question about building independently of the railway.

The gas question is still to the fore. The bond given by the International Company was not satisfactory and the agreement with it, renewed by the council recently, has been cancelled. A mistake was made in taking it up again. It was evident that a better bargain could be made and the city is very fortunate in being able to start negotiations anew.

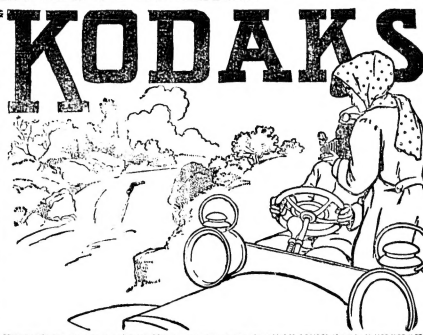
Sympathy will be extended to Wetaskiwin, which has again suffered a severe fire loss amounting to about \$70,000 on buildings and stock, those in the Burns and Compton and Montgomery blocks, both of which were destroyed.

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FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE

Mistress—'I'm sorry you want to leave, Ellis. Are you going to better yourself?'
Maid—No, m'm: I'm going to get married.



Home and Society.

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who was kept busy renewing old friendships; Miss Seton Thompson in a decidedly pretty old rose frock with a little green wreath in her coiffure; Miss Morris in a becoming gown of Alice blue rajah silk, over a cream lace bodice. After play a few other guests dropped in for a chat over the tea cups, and among these present were Mrs. Mowat, Mrs. Turnbull, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Calderon, Mrs. Duncan Smith, Mrs. Beck, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Bower Campbell, Mrs. Murphy, Madeline Martin, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Palmer Watt, Miss Kathleen Cameron and Miss Violet Wilson.

On New Year's day the Lieutenant-Governor held the usual levee at Government House, when a host of callers paid their respects to His Honor, and a great many also called on Mrs. Bulyen in her private parlors where she was assisted in receiving by Miss Habbitt.

The list of visitors included: F. P. Hobson, T. W. Lines, D. M. McMillan, Robt. Knight, E. Trowbridge, R. J. Gillis, Archie MacKenzie, A. Batechart, W. T. Henry, P. E. Batechart, W. V. Pount, Ormand Hignam, Jno. Ferrer, R. D. Tighe, Lt. Col. E. H. Edwards, Major W. F. W. Carstairs, Captain Frank A. Osborne, Capt. W. S. Weeks, Capt. R. de Lathimiere Harwood, Capt. Peter Anderson, Capt. Geo. B. McLeod, Honorary Capt. Geo. A. Reid, Capt. J. V. E. Carpenter, Lt. H. B. Spratt, Mr. J. H. Cunningham, R. H. Roberts, Mr. F. Dunham, E. F. Stoeck, P. L. Otter, E. S. McQuaid, Mr. Justice Beck, Wilfrid Gariepy, H. G. Herbert, J. A. Macgregor, J. C. Biggs, Dr. Martin Murphy, A. M. Bullen, W. Featherstonhaugh, Rev. D. G. Macquenn, Rev. Arthur Murphy, Lt. Col. R. Belcher, W. J. Melrose, G. B. O'Connor, Capt. Griegheim, Ven. Archdeacon Gray, Dr. H. R. Smith, W. J. Magrath, W. W. Chown, K. B. MacKenzie, D. MacLean, T. M. Turnbull, A. Beane, Geo. W. Bessie, J. E. Sherrault, A. V. C. Belyea, R. B. Chadwick, A. W. Taylor, Major B. J. Saunders, H. G. Forster, T. F. S. Jackson, W. H. Hargrave, W. H. Duncan, G. R. Salmond, Frank B. Smith, J. L. Cote, Roy A. Douglas, J. W. G. Morrison, Etienne Delavault, Chas. H. Grant, E. A. Bishop, D. C. Kent, E. R. Williams, J. A. Royal, Geo. Roy, J. H. Gariepy, J. H. Picard, Walter Ramsay, Dr. A. C. de L. Harwood, Dr. O. F. Farquharson, Goldwin S. Kirkpatrick, W. R. Scott, Dr. W. D. Ferris, G. W. Swaisland, J. R. Miquelon, A. York, G. H. Manuel, Major F. C. Jamieson, Capt. G. W. McQuaid, Lieut. L. W. May, Rev. E. E. Marshall, Prof. V. P. Hunt, Rev. Father Nassens, Rev. Father A. Lemarchand, P. E. Lessard, R. C. Jarvie, J. J. Anderson, Rev. Father C. LeFebvre, H. A. Muckie, T. P. Malone, Judge H. C. Taylor, E. N. Batechart, Dr. J. A. Hislop, R. B. McMahon, Dr. Braithwaite, R. V. Bellamy, H. A. Rasch, G. W. E. Hahne, Jno. Stocks, Arthur Mowat, Yoon Lamarr, John Blue, Duncan Marshall, Mr. Justice Harvey, John A. McDougall, Alfred Melsaue, Louis Madore, J. W. Hughes, Dr. A. Comilland, H. M. E. Evans, M. J. Macleod, Dr. T. H. Whiteside, D. J. Dunn, J. A. Lessard, H. M. Cartier, Hutton Cowan, A. Y. Blain, Dr. Duncan Smith, Rev. Dr. Riddell, Dr. A. A. Nicholls, W. E. Dunn, Mayor Lew, Oscar Tessier, J. D. Hyndman, J. R. Boyle, M.P.P., A. E. Potter, St. Geo. Jellett, Vernon W. Harford, Dr. H. M. Tovey, H. W. Riley, Prof. W. H. Alexander, P. H. Davidson, Prof. E. K. Broadus, Professor L. H. Alexander, John J. A. Gorman, Henry Hyde, Geo. Harcourt, Geo. H. Gower, D. W. Macdonald, J. K. Macdonald, Major de Blois Thibaudau, Lieut. A. C. Gillespie.

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Peggy

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And straightway all of Cupid's wiles
Beset me.
When finally I craved the bliss
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her shoots, by means of a mirror, at an apple upon her head or on a fork held in her teeth the danger of using a bullet is obvious. None, of course, is needed; the explosion is enough. The apple is already prepared, having been cut into pieces and stuck together with an adhesive substance, and a thread with a knot at the end, pulled through it from the "wings" so that it flies to bits when the gun is fired, is "how it is done."

Generally the more dangerous a feat appears the more carefully is it done, guarded against. In the "William Tell" act the thread is often tied to the assistant's foot. When, again, the ash is shot off a cigar which the assistant is smoking a piece of wire is pushed by his tongue through a hollow passage in the cigar, thus thrusting off the ash at the moment of firing.

A favorite but simple trick is the shooting from some distance at an orange held in the lady's hand. Applause is invariably forthcoming when the bullet drops out on her cutting open the fruit. It is usually by hand earlier in the evening.

Another popular trick is that of snuffing out lighted candles. Half a dozen are placed in front of a screen in which many small holes are bored, one against each candle-wick. At the moment of firing a confederate behind the screen sharply blows out each candle with a pair of bellows. This trick was accidentally exposed one evening by a too zealous assistant. The lady in the gallery pulled the trigger but the rifle failed to go off; the candle, however, went out just the same.

In most instances where a ball or other object is used in a scene on a living person's head blank, cartridge is used and the effect produced by other means, as so naively admitted by Mr. Graydon. A special wig with a spring concealed in it worked by a wire under the clothes is generally used, the confederate manipulating the spring simultaneously with the firing of the rifle. As the ball is extremely thin glass a mere touch suffices to shatter it.

These exhibitions some of the "experts" invite gentlemen from the audience to testify that the weapon is indeed loaded. The cartridge shown looks very well, but a shell of thin glass, intended to resemble a leaden bullet, it would not hurt a fly.—London Tit Bits.

The Summers Stock Company, who firmly established themselves in the favor of Edmonton theatre-goers when they visited the city in other years, returned to the Edmonton Opera House, where they have been playing to well-pleased audiences. For the opening bill, one of the most striking dramatic successes of the recent history of the American stage, "The Lion and the Mouse" was chosen. It gave Mr. Summers a chance to reveal himself in a role quite different from those with which he is usually associated.

For rollicking fun he has few superiors anywhere, but as Ryder, the funnier, in this twentieth-century dream of life in high circles, he showed what he could do in serious work. Miss Stevenson, as the woman who broke the fate of Ryder's will, renewed the good impression created on former occasions, while the support given by the rest of the company was most satisfactory.

As the second bill, the much discussed play "The Thief" in which Miss Margaret Illington created so great a sensation last year, is being given.

It is of interest to know that Mr. Summers is a Canadian, having been born and brought up in Toronto. When he returned to that city some years ago in his great comedy success "The House that Jack Built," his old school fellows gave him a fine reception.

It is understood that "My Friend from India" found the temperature of the past week a trifle different from that on the banks of the Ganges. But the enthusiasm that prevailed outside was quite made up for by the warmth of the reception accorded by the audiences which turned out at the Dominion on the first three nights of the week. The play is an excellent one, and the Allen Company did it full justice. Miss Verna Keaton, as Tilly, had a role somewhat out of the usual run of those assigned to her and again displayed that versatility, which makes her so valuable a member of a stock organization. For the last three nights a western play entitled "My Lady Nell" is being given, which Mr. Allen recommends as one of the best that his company has yet put on.

form of light entertainment, a high standard is maintained and the audiences each night have shown their delight in no uncertain fashion.

CHIEF ENGLISH PUT THE BRACELETS ON YBUB.

The following is taken from one of the Calgary papers: "A stringent test was made at the Empire theatre this morning of Ybub, the handcuff wonder. By request Chief English took down four pairs of steel handcuffs, all of which were placed on the wrists of Ybub, her hands having been crossed behind her back. I was impossible for her to see the locks of the cuffs, or any part of them, nor could she get control of the locks with her fingers. Yet in a very few moments she had unlocked each of the four pairs and had her hands absolutely free. The chief expressed genuine astonishment, saying that the feat was simply wonderful and surpassed anything he had ever before seen. To make the test more perfect the cuffs used were of four different makes—the Cummings, Powers (known as the New York leg irons), the Maltby and the Mannatek."

Ybub will give similar demonstrations at the Empire each afternoon and evening next week in Edmonton.

Records of Jockeys

In looking over the records of the leading jockeys on the English turf for the last forty-nine years some interesting and remarkable figures have been disclosed. During the long period of English racing the honor of leading the riders for the different seasons has been won by only nineteen different jockeys.

In 1860, G. Fordham, known as "the little demon," captured the leading honors with 146 wins and repeated this success in 1861, 1862, 1863, 1865, 1867, 1868, 1869, and 1871. Fordham rode over 1,500 winners during his career on the turf and, while he rode only one winner of the Derby, had the honor of piloting four Oaks winners besides the winners of many other valuable stakes. Fordham ranks next to the phenomenal Archer in the jockey history of the English turf. F. Archer's name first appears in the list of winning jockeys in 1873, when he finished second with 101 wins. The following year Archer, for the first time finished at the top of the jockey list and then held that coveted position for twelve more years, until 1895. Besides leading the jockeys for thirteen consecutive years, during which time he rode over 2,700 winners, Archer piloted home five Derby winners, four winners of the Oaks and six winners of the St. Leger. The remarkable career of this famous jockey has never been surpassed in any country, nor is there any likelihood that the future will produce his equal, much less his superior.

Another jockey who achieved considerable fame at his chosen profession was M. Cannon, who was at the head of the jockey list for six different seasons. In 1900 the American jockey, L. Reiff, won first place with 143 wins, and his brother, J. Reiff, finished third with 124.

Among the present day jockeys O. Madden has won the leading honor four times. W. Higgs has had the honor on two different occasions, and Danny Maher, the leader of the last season, has made an enviable record during his nine years on the English turf.

IMPORTING THOROUGHBREDS.

D. A. Campbell, formerly connected with the Standard Oil Company in New York, but now in Calgary, is in Kentucky to buy ten or fifteen thoroughbred mares for shipment to his place in the rich new Province of the Dominion of

Canada, says a despatch in the daily papers from Lexington, Kent. Mr. Campbell has been a landowner in Alberta for the past three years, and during the last two years he has bought from this section of Kentucky the stallion Gay Boy and about seventeen brood mares.

"There is good profit in thoroughbred in our country," said Mr. Campbell. "For instance, I gave \$750 for Gay Boy. I raced him at the small meetings in our section last season and he won \$1,100. I have since sold a half interest in him for \$700, with the understanding that I have ten of my mares bred to him next spring, and the other fellow has the cure and keep of him without cost to me."

"But the demand for thoroughbred blood in Alberta is not altogether for racing purposes. Many of the farmers are breeding mounts for the British army, and the best of these come from thoroughbred mares. A great many others are crossing the thoroughbred mares with saddle stallions. Saddle horses are in great demand."

"I have not sold any of the mares I have shipped into Alberta, but could have had a good profit out of quite a number of them. For instance, I bought a young mare by Brantmore out of Zazel from Mr. Corrigan for \$200. I had her thirty days before I was offered \$650 for her. I have since broken her to harness, and there is not a trotter in Alberta that has such action on the road as she possesses."

Mr. Campbell is very enthusiastic about the future of Alberta and the prospects of its being a great horse country as well as a great farming country. He had a long talk with Col. Milton Young Thursday, telling him that he should abandon his idea of going to the Argentine Republic and come into Canada.

Strathcona Seed Fair

The Saturday News is in receipt of the programme and prize list of the seed fair to be held under the auspices of the Strathcona branch of the A.F.A. on Jan. 28th and 29th. On the second day at 3 p.m. a public meeting will be held, which will be addressed by speakers supplied by the Dominion seed branch. The following is the prize list, the prizes being awarded in cash or value in goods:

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" 8. Flax	29 30 31 32
" 9. Potatoes any red variety	33 34 35 36
" 10. Potatoes any white variety	37 38 39 40
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When the rubber plant droops sadly
And in many cases dies;
When the cold sneaks 'round the
windows
And the court is dark and drear;
When the tenants want more steam
on
Then we know that winter's here.
When the yards show fewer washings
And the ice bills drop apace;
When there are few window shoppers
And the card fiends throng the
place;
When the banquet is in season
And the auto wheels wear chains;
When the horde of tourists dwindle—
Then the city winter reigns.
When the hallboys shies at errands
And the children leave the streets;
When the fruit stands move indoors
And they sell more 'stacks of
wheels';
When the motormen are muffled
And the big truck horses slip,
When the waiting cabby dashes—
Winter has in its grip.

I don't very often use the editorial scissors, preferring to make some sort of a shift at producing some original patterns, but this week I have been a bit more than rushed, and again I came across such a smart bit of reportorial writing along lines interesting to some of my women readers, that I sent the shears and here you have it.

The article refers to a recent meeting of the Browning Club held in New York city, and reads:

"A great deal of light was thrown last night upon a matter which has bothered the Browning Society excessively the abundant use of dashes by the master. When the symposium at the Waldorf came to an end many earnest disciples tucked his or her annotated copy of the works of Robert or Elizabeth, you understand, certainly not under his or her arm and went home happier than he or she had been for years and years.

Maybe you have been stumped yourself by this little trick of the Master's, even if you aren't a regular disciple with the proud privilege of wearing in your coat lapel or shirt-waist, as the case may be, a little button inscribed with the initials "B.S." Perhaps you have tackled, in an enthusiastic moment, that little thing which Browning dashed off in three or four years, "The Ring and the Book," and after courageously pursuing an idea through yards and yards of gilded imagery, stubbing your toe now and then over thank you mums in the way of conjunctions, taken a header straight into darkness, tripped by a dash. You might have had the idea right by the tail of its doublet, but the dash undid you.

Well, Florence P. Holden came to the symposium and revealed the mystery of Browning's dash, elucidated it all up, so that the puzzlement unfolded itself and became as simple as a chapter of Henry James. In the last few years, while other people have been collecting stamps and rare coins and searabls and old lace, Mrs. Holden has been collecting Browning dashes.

The dash, it appeared, was not merely a separation of ideas as Browning used it, but a dramatic pause. The dash as a pause falls into three classes equally worthy of meditation, equally significant. Take the first.

"It is a pause of preparation, during which the vital forces of the brain are gathered together for the thought leap which gives distinction, emphasis, heart and prominence to the following emotion."

"Excuse me, dear," murmured a very well set up young man who had sat stultify by the side of a disciple, evidently his wife. "This room is a little hot for me. You won't mind, really, if I slip out for a while?"

She regarded him suspiciously. "Just one, then," she whispered and he departed cautiously.

The second species of dash, of pause, may be classed as "the poised movement," a delicate and fragile thing. "The impelling moment for which all interpretative artists work, in which they reach out for that universal something we call silence, in which the artist puts himself en rapport with his audience."

Faintly through the transept came a low jumble of voices. Somewhere, and not far away, the Knickerbocker Dames were playing bridge.

"The third is the pause (Hearts, dear, Yes, I said no trumps) of reaction which the man's halting (Excuse me, are you sure, you have no more hearts, quite certain?) spirit faces. A gathering of the remnants (Score, please! What! Twenty-eight—nothing and the third leg!), a readjustment, an assembling of separate parts.

(Gracious! And that's the rub—her!)"

The transept once closed, one comprehended better the five great characteristics of Browning's poetry, the problem of the dashes having been solved satisfactorily. There were the abrupt transitions in thought, the harking back to something far before, the afterthought, the illuminating parentheses and finally the big moment of thought.

A lady attached to the Boston Browning Society and one whose words carried much weight arose and said:

"After all, it occurs to me that the Master had an extraordinarily simple use for the dash. (Rustling.) After several years study I have come to the conclusion (growing excitement) that wherever the Master uses the dash meant for readers to use their brains."

And they let it go at that.

Appropos of Lloyd-George's ultimatum that he simply won't play in the Suffragette's yard, holler down their rain barrel—because he doesn't get half a chance, they "bar" first too often—or slide down their cellar door, in fact that he doesn't want to know the rude little things, or address a meeting at which women are present, at all, at all, I notice in the current number of World Wide a very amusing cartoon depicting the English cabinet in bed, four or five in a row, with one pecking from underneath, all in advanced stages of terror, at the awful apparition of a Suffragette clawing the air in their direction, at the foot.

Now we may be the weaker vessel the men having continued to repeat the foolish statement until they half believe it—but I leave it to you if there's anything on the face of this wicked old earth has half the power to terrify, as a woman "sitting up" for her be-lated lord and master at say 2 a.m. the morning after "a quiet little dinner," or as these much-discussed would-be-women-voters appear to exert enormous such a sedate body as the British Cabinet.

I see that we are again in danger of losing our stays. Not meaning by this those excellent persons, our husbands, but those other stays we know better as corsets, and which are familiar yet again to the polite world, as woman's armor.

The French doctors are at the bottom of the business this time, having given voice to the assertion that the race receives as much injury through the corset as through alcohol.

And so our corsets are to be raised to the dignity of criminals of the first order, they are to be legislated against, we are to be forbidden

under pain of exposure to clasp the elegant trifles about our persons—in short we are to be reduced to figures for all the world like feather beds tied in the middle.

Something in this way has already been done here and there. In Rumania in 1890 schoolgirls were forbidden to wear stays. In 1891 the Bulgarian Parliament passed a similar law. In Russia schoolgirls are legally compelled to "leave off at the school door the armor which they wear under the name of

"corset." In Germany stays are forbidden during gymnastic lessons, and the Paris municipal council has issued the same order, but it is said to be systematically disobeyed. Glady be! can't these wise-acre doctors leave us even our stays? Is there no new modern disease to pursue, no will-o'-the-wisp microbe they can fasten on, that they must turn to our stays for support?

Ah well! when women get the suffrage, allowing that in the meantime we are divested of our armor, it's safe betting that their first act will be to repeal such an odious bit of legislation—and as a Roland for such an Oliver, make pulling on the part of the men a crime of the first degree.

No more then shall hypocritical stalwarts pace the streets and arrest our admiration, no more shall Smart Cuts, and such-like charmers lure us by their art; in suggy coats, narrow-chested, and sloping shoulders, will our gay Lotharios wend their pitiful ways—the feather beds will have had their revenge.

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For you, for you, I pause and con
A Stander-by

Mrs. J. A. Jackson left on Friday for her old home in Scotland, Ontario, where she is to make a visit of some six months. In order to show their appreciation of Mrs. Jackson, a number of friends, on hearing that she was about to leave town for a time, arranged for a social dance, which was held in the town hall the other evening, and was attended by a large number of citizens. A very enjoyable four hours was spent. *Pomona Herald.*

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McKinnon, Leithbridge, formerly of Hamilton, Ontario, on Saturday, December 26, 1908, at high noon, their youngest daughter, Hazel, was married to Mr. J. T. Hornbrook, son of Mr. J. T. Hornbrook of Toronto. Rev. Mr. McKenzie of Knox College, Toronto, officiated. The bride wore a handsome gown of white Princess cloth, trimmed with lace. Mrs. Lew McKinnon, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Mr. Howard G. Anderson of Calgary was best man. After receiving the congratulations of their friends, the happy couple left for the east on their wedding trip and were expected in Toronto on New Year's day, where they will be the guests of the groom's father for some time before returning to their home in Calgary.

On Wednesday, December 30th, St. George's Church, Fort Saskatchewan, was the scene of the wedding of Mr. Edward Graham, eldest son of Mr. J. E. Graham, of Fort Saskatchewan, to Laura Carscadden, eldest daughter of Mr. T. Carscadden, of Riverdale Ranch, Fort Saskatchewan. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. H. H. Wilkinson, rector of the church.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Waterford, Ont., the marriage of Miss Elora Alway, B.A., only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Alway, to Mr. George William Robertson, B.A., of Strathcona, Alberta, was solemnized at 11:30 a.m., on Monday, December 28, 1908. The Rev. F. C. Elliott, pastor of the Waterford Baptist Church, officiated. The bride was attended by Miss M. Blanche Edy, B.A., of Toronto, and Miss Mary R. Beemer of Waterford, with Miss Cora R. Mason as flower girl, while Mr. I. H. Motherwell, M.A., of Ottawa, acted as groomsmen. At the conclusion of the wedding breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Robertson left on the afternoon express for their future home in the west.

Hon. Senator Roy has gone on a business trip to France.

In the advertising notice which appeared in the Saturday News last week in regard to the hall of the St. George's Society, there was a mistake in the date, though that given in this column is correct. It will be held, as I have already announced, on Friday, Jan. 8th in the Separate School hall and gives every indication of proving a notable social event.

The Sergeants of "B" squadron, Alberta Mounted Rifles, are holding a dance in the Opera House, Strathcona, on Friday, Jan. 15th.

The Calgary Albertans say: "Brilliant and unique was the annual ball given at the Barracks on New Year's eve. The spectacle of the delightful affair was a magnificent one with the hall en fête in Christmas gay attire, holly and mistletoe arranged artistically throughout the spacious apartments. They were relieved by flags and bunting and glad muteness of welcome. Between three and four hundred assembled to enjoy the pleasure and merriment. Mr. Merriek's orchestra was in attendance, and played irresistibly many favorite tunes, to which the feet of the dancers tripped in merry time. The last hours of 1908 passed all too quickly for the enjoyment was so great that all would fain have prolonged the jollity. The guests were charmingly received by Captain and Mrs. Deane, who looked her best in a very lovely gown of cream silk encased with rich crimson roses."

Mrs. Hardisty entertained a few friends at the tea hour on Saturday.

Invitations have been issued for a reception at Government House on Thursday evening, January 14th, the night of the opening of Parliament.

On Friday everyone is looking forward to the St. George's Society Ball, which is to take place in the Separate School hall, already the scene of many jolly dances.

Mrs. Thomas Bellamy and Miss Bellamy are receiving this (Friday) afternoon and evening.

Miss Gertrude Supple of Strathcona returned from a delightful visit to Calgary early in the week, and has been visiting Mrs. Clarke Bowker during the past few days.

While in Calgary she attended the Masked Ball given by the young bachelors on New Year's eve which

was a very successful affair indeed, everyone having a more than jolly time.

Before leaving for her home in the east Miss Supple will visit Mrs. Pardee and a number of other Edmonton friends.

Mrs. Stinson and Mrs. James Smith received for the first time at their new little bungalow on Thirteenth street, on Wednesday afternoon, when a large number of callers paid their devotions. I believe they have chosen the first and third Wednesdays of the month for their reception day.

Mrs. Nesbitt and Miss Belcher left on Wednesday evening for the former's home in Neepawa, where Miss Belcher will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Mowat left on Thursday morning for the Okanagan and will be absent from the Capital until the end of March.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. F. Jackson are away on their honeymoon on Tuesday, and Mrs. Charles Fisher have taken their attractive new bungalow on Victoria Ave. for the session. I understand the Speaker, his family, and Mrs. Fisher's sister, Miss Powell of Ottawa, arrive in Edmonton early in the week.

Contrary to the report published in the local papers that Major and Mrs. Saunders would return to Edmonton after the New Year, they sail from New York, Jan. 24th, for Italy, to spend at least three months abroad.

Major Paton has hid him away to the balmy climate of Los Angeles, Cal., for the winter.

Miss Edith Weir of Winnipeg who has many old friends in town, is visiting Miss Forsythe of Fifth street.

The first match of the season between the two of the rinks of the Edmonton Ladies' Curling Club, resulted in Mrs. Balmer Watt's rink defeating Mrs. Harold Brunton's 9-5.

Following the game, the skip and first of the winning rink, Mrs. Balmer Watt and Mrs. Ellis played the 2nd and 3rd ends. Mrs. Brunton and Mrs. Griesbach for the prizes offered by Mrs. Murphy, which resulted in a win for the latter players. Score, 2-1. Afterwards a very merry tea party assembled in the Men's waiting room, where Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Murphy served tea, being assisted by the committee and the Misses Murphy.

The next match takes place this coming Wednesday, when four mixed rinks will play a nine-end match, the skip for the Ladies' Club being Mrs. Brunton, Mrs. Bishop, Mrs. Morran and Mrs. Balmer Watt. In future on every Wednesday morning, the ladies will play a point competition for a prize to be awarded at the close of the season. Incidentally the Ladies' Club are putting up a prize to be competed for by the men at a date not yet set.

Mrs. O'Connor was the hostess of a little good-bye tea for Mrs. Nesbitt and Miss Belcher on Wednesday afternoon.

These same much-feted guests of honor were the raison d'être of an enjoyable luncheon given by Mrs. Hishop, when covers were laid for eight: Mrs. Key, Mrs. Featherstonhaugh, Miss Henderson, Miss Babbitt, the Misses Webster and Miss Barker.

The engagement is announced of Miss Kathleen Cameron, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Rolph for the past year, and Mr. D. G. Stevens of Olds, Alta.

The New Year's Eve parties and those occurring on New Year's itself were so many and varied, I despair of crowding one half of them in. Among the pleasantest, notable in that it embraced the same little coterie that has assembled on the same evening for two years back, was Mrs. Bower Campbell's Bridge and Dance on the eve of the New Year, when about twenty favored guests had the pleasure of singing "The new foot at the door" in, to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell received at the entrance to the large drawing room, Mr. Campbell with his own quiet, but hearty word of welcome, which was warmly seconded by his wife, who was most becomingly crowned with black point d'esprit over taffeta, and trimmed with satin belle ribbon.

The entire lower floor of the cosy home was festively decorated with holly and mistletoe, and during the first part of the evening, Bridge was the order of the day, play resulting in Mrs. Dawson and Mr. Short capturing the two dainty picture prizes.

At eleven o'clock a delicious supper was served, followed by a merry dance, closing with the good old stand-by, too seldom part of a programme, Sir Roger de Coverly.

Those who had the honor of being invited were: Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cross, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Short, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. St. George, Jellott, and Mr. and Mrs. Balmer Watt.

The next night, New Year's Day, Norah Campbell had a young people's dance, when all the pret-

tiest of the younger set, and about thirty stalwart cavaliers had a glorious time of it, the rooms being cleared and a splendid floor and music provided. I wish I had space for a description of the dainty frocks worn and the pretty girls who were present, but again we are pressed for space and I must desist.

The drawing room of Westward Ho College, so charmingly situated and arranged for comfort, was the scene of an animated party of smartly frocked women on Wednesday afternoon of last week, when Miss Nightingale, always so popular a hostess, entertained at the tea hour.

Mrs. Nightingale wore a lovely frock of palest mauve with an exquisite necklace of rare old garnets, beautifully set in the latest approved fashion, and among the guests I noticed two recent brides. Mrs. Barker in an elegant costume of old rose, with hat and scarf to correspond, and Mrs. Richard Hardisty in white tulle lace blouse and skirt. There were other stunningly frocked women, such shoals of them it would be useless to attempt a description, so I must content myself with merely remarking that the massed off with much eclat, though it was a bitterly cold day, and the trip out with the few-and-far-between car service none too pleasant.

Mrs. Brathwaite and Mrs. Farber had charge of the tea arrangements the table being beautifully done in lilacs of the valley and narcissus, the glow from rose-shaded candle-lights, shedding a lovely effect about both room and table.

At a side table Mrs. Brunton served the ices, while a hostess of pretty girls, Miss Violet Wilson, Miss Connie Rhodes, Miss Eleanor Taylor, Miss Bessie Scott and Miss Evelyn Murphy assisted.

Mrs. Silas was one of the New Year's eve hostesses, entertaining at a young people's dance.

Miss Marjorie Brown has been laid up for the past week, and was unable to attend Mrs. Bulyea's luncheon on Tuesday.

A progressive whist party on New Year's Eve claimed Miss Seton Thompson as hostess, when Miss Fielders and Mr. Graham Walker carried off the artistic favors.

Mrs. Pardee has been laid up with an attack of gripe for the past week.

Mr. Roland Lines is home from New York having enjoyed a delightful trip.

Among the happiest happenings of the week was Mrs. Bulyea's luncheon on Tuesday at Government House, in honor of her husband, Mr. Babbitt. As is always the case the pleasant rooms of this small but cozy official residence, were beautiful and fragrant with beds of potted plants and cut flowers, and hostess and guest of honor awaited their guests in the pretty green drawing-room. Mrs. Bulyea looking very sweet and attractive in a cream net dirndl with bodice and white pleated skirt.

Covers were laid for fourteen, the festive board being charmingly and seasonably arranged as a skating pond, a large plate glass mirror glistening with snowflakes and surrounded by little banks of "beautiful" having a skate on dainty white shoe suspended from above by long snowy cords. Centering the shoe and springing up from its snowy depth was a tiny fern "tree," while long pale green satins streamers flowing from the electric and pale green shaded candles completed a stunning effect.

The entire menu carried out the white and green color scheme, and at its conclusion the quaintest little favors, miniature compasses, candlesticks, rings, etc., encased in walnut shells, were passed around.

Following the luncheon coffee was served in the billiard-room, while Miss Graves and Mr. Babbitt rendered some much-appreciated instrumental numbers and Miss Barker sang in splendid voice.

Those who had the honor of being invited to this merry party were: Mrs. Balmer Watt, Miss Belcher, Miss Jessie Belcher, Miss Elise and Miss Madeline Graves, Miss Barker, Miss Eleanor Taylor, Miss Alice and Miss Anna McDougall, Miss "Murry," Miss Henderson, Miss Marjorie Brown, Miss McKenny.

Mrs. Emery entertained four tables at "Bridge" on Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Bouchier was the hostess of a progressive euchre party on New Year's eve.

Mrs. Donald W. Macdonald has issued cards of invitation for an "At Home" at Gleneau on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 12th.

Miss Jean Forsythe's delightful Bohemian studio on Fifth street was the scene of a jolly matinee Bridge on Saturday, when four tables played the ever-popular game, resulting in Mrs. Duncan Smith and Madame Martin capturing the two dainty prizes.

Miss Forsythe received her guests in a silver and black silk striped gown, with a pretty lace guimpe and did the honors in her own original, bright manner. Assisting her was her guest Miss Weir of Winnipeg.

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